1	2	3	4	5	6
27.	Uttar Pradesh	30.60	117.03	26.30	100.47
28.	Uttarakhand	36.50	8.85	32.00	7.75
29.	West Bengal	14.80	35.14	11.20	26.64
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	22.20	0.32	18.80	0.27
31.	Chandigarh	7.10	0.67	3.80	0.36
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	19.10	0.15	19.20	0.16
33.	Daman and Diu	21.20	0.14	20.80	0.14
34.	Lakshadweep	20.20	0.06	16.40	0.05
35.	Pondicherry	22.20	1.59	18.80	1.34
	ALL INDIA	25.70	807.96	21.70	682.02

Note:

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty
3. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and Andaman and Nicobar Island.
4. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
5. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra and Nagar Haveli is used to
6. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman and Diu.
7. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

Scholarship scheme for NRI children

2177. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scholarship schemes for the NRI children;

(b) the annual details of number of students availing such schemes;

(c) the details of the countries from where largest number of student avail these scholarships;

(d) whether it is a fact that these schemes are being operated by multiple agencies/ Ministries;

(e) if so, the rationale for such multiplicity; and

(f) whether Government would consider creating one nodal agency to operate these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) was launched in the academic year 2006-2007 with the objective to make higher education in India accessible to the children of overseas Indians and to promote India as a centre for higher studies.

Under the scheme, upto 100 PIO/NRI students are awarded scholarship of up to a maximum of US$ 4,500 per annum for undergraduate courses in Engineering, Technology, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry etc. It is open to NRIs/PIOs from 40 identified countries having substantial Indian Diaspora population.

(b) and (c) The details given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir. The scholarship scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs through EdCIL(India) Ltd., a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

Statement

The country wise details of students availing of scholarship scheme is as follows

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
UAE-18	Kuwait-18	Oman-15
Kuwait-14	UAE-15	Saudi Arabia-12
Saudi Arabia-10	Oman-12	UAE-11
Bahrain-7	Saudi Arabia-12	Kuwait- 6
Qatar-4	Bahrain-9	Sri Lanka-5
Oman-4	Qatar-6	Qatar-4
Indonesia-1	Indonesia-1	Bahrain-3
Guyana-1	Tanzania-1	Malaysia-3
South Africa-1	Thailand-1	USA-2
		Canada-1
		France-1
		Myanmar-1
		Nigeria-1
		Tanzania-1
		Trinidad-1
Total-60	Total-79	Total-67